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MR. CHAIRMAN : As the hon. Member, Sri A. K. Thangavel Mudaliar, is not in his seat, the question and the answer thereto will be printed in the official report of the proceedings.

Industrial co-operative societies

* 160 *Q.*—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to extend provident fund benefits to employees working in the industrial co-operative societies; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Employees' Provident Funds Act, 1952, is even at present applicable to establishments or factories of Industrial Co-operative Societies which are engaged in any of the Industries specified in Schedule I of the said Act and which belong to the class of establishments to which the Act has been extended under section 1 (3) (*b*) except :

(i) to the establishments registered under the Co-operative Societies Act, 1912 (2 of 1912) or under any other law for the time being in force in any State relating to Co-operative Societies employing less than 50 persons working without the aid of power; and

(ii) to all handloom factories organised as Industrial Co-operatives which have been exempted from the purview of the Act as a class, up to 31st December 1964.

Assembly constituencies

* 161 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to recommend to the Central Government to re-delimit the Assembly constituencies in view of the increased population; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDAM : Sir, are the Government aware that some of the neighbouring States, having less population, have got a larger number of seats in the Assembly?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood how delimitation of constituencies is done. For every parliamentary seat, we have five seats in the Assembly. It is open to the States to have seven seats in the Assembly instead of five. Therefore, it is not according to population.

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SRI S. K. SAMBANDAM : Why not this Government think of increasing the number of seats in the Assembly ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government do not believe in it, and I have no doubt that the Legislature does not believe in increasing the number of members.

Old age pension

* 162 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR AND VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of applications received districtwar under the Old Age Pension Scheme as on 1st May 1962; and

(*b*) the number disposed of and the amount disbursed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

(*a*) :

Chingleput	2,261
South Arcot	2
North Arcot	9,256
Thanjavur	6,909
Tiruchirappalli	7,165
Tirunelveli	12,581
Madurai	9,607
Ramanathapuram	11,937
Coimbatore	11,459
Salem	10,958
Nilgiris	874
Madras	3,247
Kanyakumari	4,634
Total ...	90,890

(*b*) The total number of cases disposed of as on 1st May 1962 is 1,215. This includes 804 applications rejected.

As the old age pension scheme took effect only from 1st April 1962, the first monthly payment of the pension would have been made only on or after 1st May 1962 and the amount disbursed during the month of May will be available only sme time later.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : எந்தெந்தத் தகுதிகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு இந்தப் பென்ஷன் உதவித்தொகை அளிக்கப்படுகிறது ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : அது முன்பே விளக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. மறுபடியும் அதைப் படிக்கிறேன் :